

U.S. –BANGLADESH JOINT EXERCISE ENDS WITH SUCCESS



KURMITOLA AIR BASE, Bangladesh – U.S. Marine Major Robert Peterson shows the F/A-18 Hornet cockpit to his Bangladesh Air Force counterparts during an open house October 26. Marine Fighter-Attack Squadron 314 participated in Exercise Sumo Tiger 2007, a bilateral training exercise between the U.S. Marine Corps and the Bangladesh Air Force.

Photo by 1st Lt. Adrian Rankine-Galloway

OCTOBER 31, DHAKA-- The bilateral Exercise Sumo Tiger, conducted by United States Marine Corps and Bangladesh Air Force flying squadrons, concluded today, ending a successful week of combined training at Kurmitola Air Base.

During the exercise, American and Bangladeshi forces conducted flight operations with U.S. F/A-18 fighter aircraft and Bangladeshi F-7s and MiG-29s. Additionally, aviation support personnel from both nations, from air traffic controllers to maintenance specialists, shared their expertise and insights while jointly supporting flight operations during the exercise.

“We have a lot in common,” said Lt. Col. Flay R. Goodwin, the commanding officer of U.S. Marine Fighter-Attack Squadron 314. “We are both very proud of our history and we have seen the professionalism of the Bangladesh Air Force throughout this exercise.”

Through cooperation and exchange, the exercise reinforced the United States and Bangladeshi armed forces’ ability to operate together, as well as the professional relationships between U.S. and Bangladesh personnel.

Exercise Sumo Tiger demonstrates the United States Government’s firm commitment to regional security by promoting military-to-military relationships throughout Asia and the Pacific region.

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